

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11 and 12 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-9 have been amended to address the formal requirements noted below. Support for new claims 11 and 12 is found, for example, at page 4, lines 34-37 of the present specification.

Removal of Bases of Objection and Rejection

The Office Action of February 26, 2007 indicated various objections and rejections against the original pending claims. For example, some claims were objected as being in improper multiple dependent form, claim 10 was rejected as being in improper “use” claim, and claims 1-6 were rejected as being indefinite based on the reasons stated on pages 2-5 of the Office Action.

All of the bases for the above-noted objections and rejections have been removed. Claims 1-9 have been amended to address these issues, and claim 10 has been cancelled.

In addition, to the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of claim 6 requires the application of the “mixture” recited in claim 1, such that claim 6 is consistent with claim 1. Consequently, it is requested that all of the previous objections and rejections to the claims be withdrawn such that the present application may be placed into condition for allowance.

It is submitted for the reasons stated above that the present claims define patentable subject matter such that this application should now be placed in condition for allowance.

If any questions arise in the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.

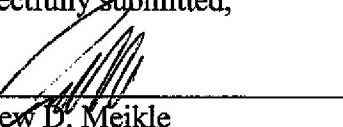
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